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In re Application of: )  
Kimikazu Kaneto et al. ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Serial No.: 10/018,569 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
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Carrier Used Therefor )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examination, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 18, delete lines 22-32.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

5. (Amended) An apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a subsidiary flask disposed above said flask members, wherein the end of said subsidiary flask can reach at least a point within said flask member.

**REMARKS**

Claim 5 has been amended to correct the dependency of the claim. Examination of claims 1-15 is requested.

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